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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to monoclonal antibodies binding to the N-terminal procollagen (III) propeptide (PIIINP) molecule which is a proteolytic fragment emanating from the specific cleavage of procollagen (III) by N-proteinase after exocytosis and to an assay using these antibodies.

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